

Past tenses 3

Read each sentence and click on the correct option to answer the question.

- 1.- A policeman is questioning a suspect. He wants to know his whereabouts at the time a crime was committed. What must he ask?

What did you do last night at half-past nine?

What were you doing last night at half-past nine?

What have you done last night at half-past nine?

What have you been doing last night at half-past nine?

- 2.- Your boss wants to know if the job she gave you is finished. What will she ask you?

Have you finished the job I gave you?

Did you finish the job I have given you?

Were you finishing the job I gave you?

Have you been finishing the job I gave you?

- 3.- If one of these actions interrupted the other, what is the correct way to say it?

The phone has rung when I had a shower.

I have had a shower when the phone has rung.

The phone rang when I was having a shower.

I had a shower when the phone rang.

- 4.- If both of these actions happened simultaneously, what is the correct way to say it?

I was having a shower when the phone was ringing.

The phone was ringing when I have had a shower.

I was having a shower when the phone has been ringing.

The phone has been ringing while I was having a shower.

- 5.- If a journalist is interviewing a retired police officer, how will she ask the following question?

Have you killed anybody when you were working as a policeman?

Have you been killing anybody when you were working as a policeman?

Did you kill anybody when you were working as a policeman?

Were you killing anybody when you were working as a policeman?

6.- If an architect finished building his third bridge last week, what did the newspaper say?

He built three bridges so far.

He has built three bridges so far.

He was building three bridges so far.

He has been building three bridges so far.

7.- If the first chapter in a novel begins with a description, what will the author write?

The man slept on the sofa, and the TV was on.

The man was sleeping on the sofa, and the TV was on.

The man has slept on the sofa, and the TV was on.

The man has been sleeping on the sofa, and the TV was on.

8.- If I want to give you this piece of news over the phone, what will I say?

I have just passed my driving test!

I have been passing my driving test!

I passed my driving test!

I was passing my driving test!

9.- If your boss wants to know how good your level of spoken English is, what will he ask you?

How long did you learn English?

How long have you been learning English?

How much time were you learning English?

How much time have you learnt English?

10.- If your dog has been dead for some time, how would you describe what you used to do together?

We were often walking along the river.

We often went walking along the river.

We have often walked along the river.

We have often been walking along the river.